

## Business Notices.

**GRANT'S SUMMER HATS.**—BIRD, No. 19 Nassau-st., will introduce the various styles of SUMMER HATS. A very full assortment of Felt, Straw, and elegant styles. Hats—May 29.

**SUMMER UNDER-GARMENTS.**—The subscriber introduces a new and active stock of his well-known and popular ZEPHYRUS UNDER-GARMENTS for Ladies, Gentlemen and Children.

No other garment as yet introduced to the notice of the public, is so comfortable, light, soft, and durable as fabric. To the invalid they are equally, to the delicate constitution, protection, to the strong man safety, to all health and comfort.

**JAMES E. RAY,**  
Importer and Manufacturer of Under-Garments and Hosiery,  
No. 108 Broadway, near Grand-st.

**POWELL & WELLS, Photographers and Publishers,**  
20 Broadway, two blocks above the Park.

**UNDER-GARMENTS, GLOVES, HOSIERY.**

**GENTLEMEN'S FURNISHING GOODS.**  
An extensive and superior variety of the above goods at low prices will be found at

**JOHN ADAMS'S**  
Hosiery and Under-Garment Store, No. 101 Broadway,  
Opposite Metropolitan Hotel and Nibbs's Oyster.

**B. M. SEGGE, manufacturer of SADDLES, HARNESS, &c.**  
No. 25, No. 26, and No. 27, Broadway, between Grand and Nassau-sts. Elegant Saddle, Harness, heavy and light Harness, English and American Saddle, Leather Trunks, Valises, Bags, Fly Nets, Rosettes, and an excellent assortment of all kinds of Saddlery.

**GREAT SALE OF CARPETS AT THE CANAL-ST.**  
CARPET STORE.—If you want to lay your Carpet, call at E. J. FLETCHER & CO.'S, No. 70 Canal-st., (just pasted), who have a large stock of Three-ply and Ingrain Carpets, for Carpeting, Kitchens, Halls, &c., full 10 per cent. less than any other store in the city.

**CARPETS AT REDUCED PRICES.**—SMITH, KNAPP & CO., No. 24 Broadway, (opposite City Hall), desire to reduce their large stock of Carpets, and to sell them at a great discount. They have a large stock of Three-ply and Ingrain Carpets, for Carpeting, Kitchens, Halls, &c., full 10 per cent. less than any other store in the city.

**CARPETS, PATTERNS & HUPPERS.** Nos. 377 and 379 Broadway, are selling off their entire stock of Carpets at greatly reduced prices, to make room for extensive alterations in the store.

**Rich Medallion Vases.**  
Rich and elegant, for sale at 12 1/2 per cent. per year.  
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**MELROD'S, S. D. & H. W. Smith's celebrated**  
Melrods and Goodrich's Sewing Machine, or Double Hand Sewing Machine. These two machines are world-renowned, and the only ones in the world that can be used by either hand or foot. No other machine can be used by either hand or foot. No other machine can be used by either hand or foot.

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## FIRST SPRING CIRCULAR OF

**D. DEVLIN & CO.**  
From their New Warehouse,  
No. 25 and 26 Broadway, corner of Nassau-st.,  
New York.

We beg to inform you that we have opened our new warehouse, No. 25 and 26 Broadway, corner of Nassau-st., and are now opening large and valuable stocks of Foreign and Domestic Goods, manufactured expressly for our city trade, and to which we invite your personal attention. Our warehouse is situated in the second floor, for which we have been fortunate in securing the services of gentlemen of established reputation in this city and State, and we are enabled to supply our customers with the most desirable articles at the lowest prices.

First—As to our business: We propose manufacturing and dealing in the best quality of men and boys' wear. In the way of Ready-made Clothing and Furnishings, both for city and country trade. And, also, to make to order any and every article with dispatch and care, and to have the quality of it uniformly reliable and correct.

Second—As to our determination as to be sure to procure the most reliable and correct quality of our goods, we are determined to make our prices as uniform and as low as is our convenience as well as the interests of our customers.

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## SLAVE-CATCHING.

An intelligent, capable, powerful, "forehanded" man claims to be the owner of an ignorant, humble, friendless, penniless. The latter is ignorant, because he never was taught nor permitted to learn; powerless, because the powerful have ever been arrayed in a conspiracy to deny him all rights and trample him down; poor, because all his earnings, beyond the cost of the coarsest subsistence, have been appropriated to the use of his owner aforesaid. That owner claims, by virtue of his ownership and of the laws enacted by such as he to enforce it, a right to all the future as well as the past services of his slave.

On what basis is this enormous, fearful power of some men over others upheld and justified? How come those to be the slaves of these? By what right does A. claim to be the owner and master of B. so long as he shall live?

Will any man pretend that there is any basis for this monstrous, unnatural relation but force? Some ancestor of B. was knocked down with a club, or pinned to the earth with a spear, or surrounded in the night by an armed band, and slaughtered or captured as he escaped from his burning hut. Such is the substantial origin of all the Slavery that is, ever was, or ever will be. Take away the elements of Force, of Violence and Menace on the one side, of Terror and Constraint on the other, and there is no Slavery, though one man should serve and live for another all his days. It is not the service, but the compulsion to render it, which is Slavery.

But at length the poor, weak, ignorant man says to himself, "I am weary of serving A. for nothing but harsh words and worse fare. I want to work for myself and my poor kindred. And, 'since the power in league with my master is much too strong for me here, I will escape and avoid observation until I can work my way to some region where Slavery is unknown.' Does any man question the reasonableness and moral rectitude of this determination? Where is the white man who, if enslaved, would not form a similar resolution and act upon it as soon as possible?

Well: the slave escapes, as a slave ought to, and the master follows him, as masters will, or hires countless wretches to do it as well as do it himself. The master wants his slave back, and the slave wants to keep clear of his master ever more. Which of these parties do you, reader! wish to see prevail? If you were to die helping either, do you prefer it should be?

A great deal is said now-days about the influence of Abolitionists in inciting people to aid the escape of fugitives from Slavery—wherein we think the Abolitionists get more credit than they deserve. There never was a time when we knew right from wrong that we did not sympathize with the slave, and wish him success in every effort to escape from his master. Twenty-seven years ago, we first witnessed an attempt to recapture a fugitive from Slavery. This was in Vermont and the slave was owned in New-York; for, though Abolition had already been decreed in our State, there were still persons under twenty-eight years of age who were held subject to Slavery. There were no special Abolitionists in that day, and here was no question of North or South. Yet the whole adult people of the town in which the attempt was made were instinctively on the slave's side, and aided him to escape his hunters. His owner lived but a few miles away—for this was near the State line; and he repeatedly tried to regain his slave, but could not, because the people were all against him. And we do not believe that, to this hour, a fugitive slave was ever taken out of Vermont, or ever will be, except by stealth and lying, which is the latest fashion of prosecuting this business.

Reader! we must presume you are honest, just and humane—that you have not sold your soul for office—that you would not barter it for a bale of cotton. Then we know you are, you must be, against any and every attempt to return to bondage a man who has once escaped from it—that you will go to prison rather than bear any part in stealing a man from himself. Men can make no law that would justify such stealing, and God's law commands us to "Break every yoke and let the oppressed go free." Look you that it be not on your part disobeyed!

A PLAN FOR FREEDOM.

We invite particular attention to what follows. At the last session of the Massachusetts Legislature, an act of incorporation was granted by that body establishing an "Emigrant Aid Society," with a capital of five millions of dollars. The bill was passed without a dissenting voice. The act of incorporation is as follows:

SECTION 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the said Senate and House, that the following persons, to-wit: Benjamin C. Clark, Isaac Livermore, Charles A. Cooper, William C. Davis, George C. Phillips, Charles C. Hazewell, Alexander H. Bullock, Henry Wilson, James S. Whitney, Samuel E. Sewall, Samuel G. Howe, James Holland, Moses Kimball, James D. Green, Francis W. Bird, Otis Clapp, Amos Burroughs, Eli Thayer, and Otis Rich, their associates, successors and assigns, are hereby made a corporation, by the name of the Massachusetts Emigrant Aid Society, for the purpose of assisting emigrants to settle in the West; and, for this purpose, they shall have all the powers and privileges, and be subject to all the duties, restrictions and liabilities set forth in the thirty-eighth and forty-fourth chapters of the Revised Statutes.

SECTION 2. The capital stock of said corporation shall not exceed \$5,000,000. Said capital stock may be invested in real estate, and in any other mode; provided, that said corporation shall not hold real estate in this Commonwealth to an amount exceeding \$20,000.

SECTION 3. The shares of stock of said corporation shall be divided into shares of \$100 each; but no more than \$10 on the share shall be assessed during the year 1854, and no more than \$10 on the share shall be assessed in any one year thereafter.

SECTION 4. At all meetings of the stockholders, each stockholder shall be entitled to cast one vote for each share held by him; provided, that no stockholder shall be entitled to cast more than fifty votes on shares held by himself, nor more than five votes by proxy.

SECTION 5. This act shall take effect from and after its passage.

The corporations met at the State House in Boston on the 4th day of May, accepted the charter, and appointed a committee to report a plan of operation. That Committee consisted of Eli Thayer, Alexander H. Bullock and E. E. Hale of Worcester, and Richard Hildreth and Otis Clapp of Boston. The meeting adjourned to the 12th inst., when it again met and received the report of its Committee. From that report we extract enough to show its general objects and scope, as follows:

REPORT.

The Emigrant Aid Society has been incorporated to protect emigrants, as far as may be, from the inconveniences we have enumerated. Its duty is to organize emigration to the West and bring it into a system. This duty, which should have been attempted long ago, is particularly essential now, in the critical position of the western Territories.

The Legislature has granted a charter, with a capital sufficient for these purposes. This capital is not to exceed \$5,000,000. In no single year are assessments to a larger amount than \$20,000 to be levied on the stockholders. We believe that if the Company be organized at once, as soon as the subscription to the stock amounts to \$1,000,000, the annual income to be derived from that amount, and under most essential service to the emigrant, to plant a free State in Kansas, to the lasting advantage of the country; and to return a very handsome profit to the stockholders upon their investment.